

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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**Resolution No. 24: Flag Display in Churches and During Funerals
Origin: Americanism Commission
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WHEREAS, Millions of Americans, of many faiths, have served in the military to preserve all our freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, One of the freedoms guaranteed every American by the United States Constitution is freedom of religion; and

WHEREAS, The United States Flag is a national symbol representing our Constitution and all its guaranteed freedoms; and

WHEREAS, Veterans have risked their lives in the defense of the United States Flag while serving in the military; and

WHEREAS, There is a movement by some religious denominations to forbid the daily display of the United States Flag in the sanctuary and/or in church buildings and during the funeral of a deceased veteran; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 14-15, 1987, That The American Legion urge the leaders of all religious denominations to recognize the Flag of the United States as a symbol of religious freedom and advocate its daily display in the sanctuaries and/or church buildings of America; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That church authorities be encouraged to allow the long standing practice of draping the casket of departed veterans with the Flag of the United States, during funeral ceremonies conducted within the church.